# **Coolidge Corner Study Committee**

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## **Macro-level Planning Issues**

- Density of development
- Problems with the MBTA
- The Future of Transportation
  - Driverless cars
  - Traffic circulation/congestion
  - Multi-modal accommodations/infrastructure

### **Micro-level Planning Issues**

- The "Future of Coolidge Corner"
  - Density
  - Neighborhood character
  - Vibrancy
  - Traffic/circulation
  - Design, scale, massing
  - Fiscal impacts
- The process by which the Town might address all of these issues.....

# At our last meeting we discussed.....

And in between meetings we also heard from the neighborhood about......

- Controlling density
- Creating public space
- Improving circulation, accessibility, public realm
- Fostering high-quality design
- Fiscal impacts
- Respecting/preserving neighborhood character
- Improving underutilized sites

### **Prior Planning Efforts: 2005 - 2013**

- Increasing commercial development
- Creating open space
- Creating community arts & cultural spaces
- Creating a pedestrian and bike-friendly environment
- Revising public benefits to help foster all of the above
- Evaluating and creating a neighborhood vision for sites that might be developed
- "Not increasing the residential population"
- "Create regulatory tools to help promote a vibrant commercial core."

## Hierarchy of Planning Issues



## Beyond Control of CCSC

- Fixing the MBTA
- Absence of a Coolidge Corner Master Plan
- Chapter 40A and 40B

## Issues Being Addressed Outside of CCSC

- Fixing the MBTA
- Multi-modal transportation
- Zoning Reform (state)
- Town Planning Process that is less reactionary and more engaging

## Within Control of CCSC

- Density, design, uses, preservation, fiscal impacts for this site
- Improving circulation, public realm, bike/ped environment at this site
- Controlling future development on this site

## 2017 CCSC Goals for 1200 Beacon Street?

### **Big Picture:**

- Density, design, uses, preservation, fiscal impacts for this site
- Improving circulation, public realm, bike/ped environment at this site
- Controlling future development on this site

#### **Articulated so far:**

- Fixing the driveway/corner
- Widening the sidewalk
- Improving tired building in high viz location
- Improving the alleyway
- Improving proposed massing

#### What else?